

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A hand power tool, having a housing (12) and a cutting tool bit (15), ~~in particular a metal cutting tool bit~~, as well as having a guard means (22), which embraces the cutting tool bit (15) and is coupleable to the housing (12) and axially adjustable relative to it, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the housing (12) and the guard means (22), in a first adjusting position, are positionable axially freely and in a second adjusting position, ~~in particular guided by adjusting means~~, are positionable axially finely ~~adjustably~~and lockably to one another, ~~in particular lockably~~, wherein the adjusting means is configured to prevent free axial displacement of the guard means in the second adjusting position.

2. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adjusting positions are rapidly changeable by means of a relative motion between the guard means (22) and the housing (12).

3. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the relative motion is a rotary motion between the guard means and the housing (12), in particular limited by a short rotational course.

4. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the guard means (22) is designed as a supporting foot, which annularly embraces the housing (12) and can be put into two predetermined rotary positions, which define one fine adjustment stage and one coarse adjustment stage for varying the axial position of the housing (12) relative to the supporting foot (22).

5. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two rotary positions are limited in overlocking fashion, in particular directly next to one another, with a minimal rotational course of the housing (12) relative to the supporting foot (22).

6. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein overlocking means (36, 37) that secure every adjustment stage against unintentional change are located between the housing (12) and the supporting foot (22).

7. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the housing (12) has a collar, onto which the supporting foot (22) can be slipped in telescoping fashion, and the outer contour of the housing (12) merges flush with that of the completely slipped-on

supporting foot (22), and in this position of the housing (12) relative to the supporting foot (22), the minimal telescoping extension position and hence a maximum cutting depth for the tool bit (15) are set.

8. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein located between the housing (12) and the supporting foot (22) is a depth stop (34), which in the first adjustment stage does not and in the second adjustment stage does lockingly engage the inside of the housing (12) and the supporting foot (22).

9. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the depth stop (34) is designed as a screw bolt, on one end of which a control wheel (28) is seated in a manner fixed against relative rotation, with which control wheel the depth stop (34) is located rotatably and axially secured in the supporting foot (22).

10. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the control wheel (28) reaches outward, in particular in a manually operable way, through the supporting foot (22), and in particular its sleevelike wall (23), and the screw bolt (35) rests in form-locking fashion over approximately half its length in a longitudinally parallel groove (33) in the inside of the wall (23) of the supporting foot (22) and with its radially

protruding lengthwise region rests on the diametrically opposite side in an outer longitudinal housing groove (38) that is parallel to the groove (33).

11. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a further longitudinal housing groove (40), in particular with the same radius of curvature, is located next to the one longitudinal housing groove (38), and the screw bolt (35) can be longitudinally placed in this further longitudinal housing groove.

12. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40) are directly next to each other and can be put into a parallel overlocking engagement with the screw bolt (35) selectively by rotating the supporting foot (22) relative to the housing (12).

13. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the center spacing of the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40) is less than twice their radius of curvature.

14. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~wherein overlocking means are located between the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40) and seek to keep the screw bolt (35)

positionally secure in prestressed fashion in its respective longitudinal housing groove (38, 40).

15. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein one of the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40) has fitting threaded means (50) or the like that are capable of engaging the inside of the screw bolt (35).

16. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the other of the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40) embraces the screw bolt (34) with little contact, and in particular with radial play.

17. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~wherein between the longitudinal housing grooves (38, 40), as overlocking means a bolt (36) is braceable, radially spring-prestressed outward, longitudinally against the screw bolt (35), and in particular is retained in captive fashion in a slot in the housing wall (13).

18. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the collar (20) of the housing (12) and/or

the upper edge (21), braceable thereon, of the sleeve-like shaft of the supporting foot (22) extends obliquely.

19. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adjusting positions are axially and radially fixable and releasable, in particular by clamping means (25, 30).

20. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it is capable of being set down, in freestanding fashion, on a horizontal, level surface, with the aid of the supporting foot (22).

21. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the housing (12) and the supporting foot (22) are secured against unintentional release from one another, in particular by a bayonet mount or stop means.

22. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein scale means (53) are located between the housing (12) and the supporting foot (22) for indicating the cutting depth.

23. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it is designed as a top spindle molder, and the adjusting positions can be associated with a predetermined cutting depth.

Claim 24 cancelled.

25. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting foot (22), particularly on the top side of its foot plate (26), has at least one indentation with an upward-protruding edge and with a nonslip surface structure which in particular is provided with rectangular impressions and which serves as a finger rest with a touch guard protecting the finger against the tool bit (15) when the supporting foot (22) is guided and held by hand in milling work.

26. (currently amended) The hand power tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a power cord (16) emerges from the housing (12) radially, to the rear, and angled upward.

27. (new) An adjusting mechanism for parts arranged in a telescoping fashion comprising a first part, a second part which is coupleable to the first part and axially adjustable relative to it, and adjusting means for varying or fixing the two parts relative to one another, wherein the first and second parts

in a first adjusting position, are positionable axially freely and in a second adjusting position, guided by the adjusting means, are positionable axially finely and lockably to one another, and wherein the first and second adjusting positions are rapidly changeable by means of rotation of the first part relative to the second part.